Irish Spies and Informers.

The recorded emoluments of these Irish informers were enormous. As to their indirect profits it would be idle to speculate. One Reynolds, a spy of very secondary importance, received on March 4, 1799, a sum of £5,000 from the secret service money, and was further gratified with a secret pension of some hundreds a year. He afterward obtained the office of British postmaster at Lisbon, the emoluments of which amounted during his four years of service to nearly £6,000. He was subsequently appointed to more than one well paid consulship, and at length, retiring in middle life from the public service of his country, he chose Paris as his final place of abode, and enjoyed his pension to the day of his death, having drawn from the exchequer of a hated government not less in all than £45,000.

Armstrong is said to have received close on £30,000 for his information; and Magan, who took up the business as a needy barrister, left over £14,000 to his sister. Higgins, who was not even an informer at first hand, but a species of information agent or spy keeper, began life as a pauper and a "sham squire," and after many years of free and easy living in Dublin, maintaining a reputation for that liberal hospitality so necessary to his success in his profession, died worth no less than £40,000. Very few were the real squires or peers of Ireland for the matter of that who left so considerable a sum of money behind them in the early days of the present century. —Edinburgh Review.

A Crooked Railway.

There are few more interesting engineering achievements than the little narrow gauge railroad running to Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, from its seaport, La Guayra. The distance between the two cities, as the crow flies, supposing for the moment that he could fly through the mountains, is only six miles, but the railway connecting them is twenty-three miles in length, and consequently twists and turns on itself. The road runs in zigzag fashion up the mountain to an altitude of about 5,000 feet above its starting point and then descends some 1,500 feet in the same manner into the valley of Caracas.

Twenty-two thousand rails were used in laying the track, and of these over 18,000 are bent. It is jestingly said that the engineer almost died of a broken heart because he could invent no excuse for bending the remaining 4,000. He did his best, however, and no one who has to ride over the line and find himself shaken at every one of the 346 sharp twists which the track makes will find it in his heart to condemn the poor man for not making a perfect job. Two passenger trains pass over the road daily, leaving La Guayra at 8:30 in the morning and at 3:30 in the afternoon, making the journey in two hours and a half. This is a speed, exclusive of stops, of not quite ten miles an hour.—Pearson's Weekly.

Close Observers of Nature.

The most successful beast tamers are generally small, wiry fellows, with plenty of nerve and a good stock of trade secrets, derived from the close study of wild animals. In the latter respect savages, with their outdoor mode of life, have a considerable advantage over their civilized rivals. In the Chilean Andes the naturalist Tschudi made the acquaintance of a creole farmer who confessed that he had experimented for several years before he succeeded in capturing a live alpaca.

He had imitated the traps of the Indians, their method of fixing them in the sand of the river banks, their precaution in obliterating the traces of their footsteps, but all in vain till an Indian renegade revealed the secret—namely, that the alpacas select their drinking places where there is an audible ripple in the current of the river, perhaps for the same reason that cows prefer a brook to a pond and a running spring to a sluggish creek.

The murmuring of the stream seemed to suggest the idea of purer and cooler water, and where the current was slow the Indians contrived to produce a ripple by an artificial obstruction.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Long Winded Fogies.

"The Scythians," said Sydney Smith, "ate their grandparents when they became troublesome and told long stories." Who knows whether the Eumenides may not suffer a remnant of these useful Scythians to survive even unto our day to be a terror to long winded fogies, male and female?

I met at dinner recently an old fogy who I am sure has his Scythian waiting for him. He had been harrying the company with stupid remarks about natural history, asking questions, too, that would turn the stomach of a school inspector. At length, in that peculiar tone of voice in which theological questions are uttered, our fogy said, "Ha. an oyster brains?" "Certainly," replied our host, "for an oyster knows when to shut up."—Temple Bar.

Getting a "Scoop."

I remember seeing a war correspondent of a Boston paper at the battle of Bull Run. Bullets were flying thick as hailstones, and shells were cracking as though pandemonium had broken loose, but the correspondent kept skirmishing around in the thick of it all, notebook in hand. Our major bawled out to him, "Lie down, you fool—you'll be killed." "Maybe so," he replied, "but I'm getting the d—dest scoop on the other papers ever you saw!" A little thing like getting killed doesn't worry your thoroughbred news gatherer when there's a scoop in sight.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Dreaming of Crows.

To dream you see a crow signifies expedition of business; if you hear them croaking unpleasantly while they are flying it is a sign of ill luck. If you see in your dream the crow flying on to the head of a child it will be in danger of some misfortune.—All the Year Round.

The Better Life.

BY C. H. F.

We are nearing—rapid nearing,
Just the state we've prayed for here;
In the world that's now appearing
Ills of this *must* disappear.

Lurks there then no foul suspicion;
Lightest evil is not thought;
Souls are fraught with Love's fond mission;
Ev'ry work's with wisdom wrought.

There'll be wondrous radiant flowers
Not to earthly science known:
Through those restful, heavenly bowers
Love hath all things for her own.

Nature there in peace reposes,
And relations grand prevail;
Nature then all truth discloses,
And her wisdom can not fail.

Forms and faces, beauty-beaming
'Neath those skies of fairer glow
Bounds of rapture grand are streaming
New delights new senses know.

Wealth should be each ones possession,
Wealth beyond our power to guess;
Thought shall be its own expression
And its mission but to bless.

No one there shall guard a treasure,
No one bear or fear a theft;
Ev'ry blessing's without measure,
None can be of aught bereft.

No one there may rule his brothers,
Toil or task ne'er plead for rest,
Each fond soul but lives to others
Nothing is but what is best.

But a flash of time's dividing
Keeps us from that better life;
Good is swift all ill outriding—,
Peace shall surely conquer strife.

In about two weeks the P. R. R. Co. will have running on its road between New York and Philadelphia the largest and (it is expected) the fastest engine in the world, now being completed at their Altoona shops. It will be No. 1515, a compound one, with the largest boiler and cylinder (for a locomotive) ever built. Its drivers will be seven feet in diameter, and the base of the boiler six and a half feet above the ground. It is expected to make the distance between the two great cities (ninety miles) in ninety minutes.

Manager Frank E. Day, of the Madison Water Works, states that the annual revenue to the borough from water is now about $4,000, and $1,750 from electric lights. This report is encouraging to the tax-payers, especially as in view of these receipts the taxes for the current year have diminished two dollars per thousand.

A new method of counting the words in a telegram went into effect on the Western Union and Postal telegraph lines October 1st. Under the new rules telegrams will be much cheaper. Single letters, figures, and signs, instead of being counted as a word, will be grouped, three taken as a word.

At the practice drill of the Morristown Fire Department Humane Engine Company, No. 2, laid 300 feet of hose in a 1,000-foot dash in the quick time of three minutes.

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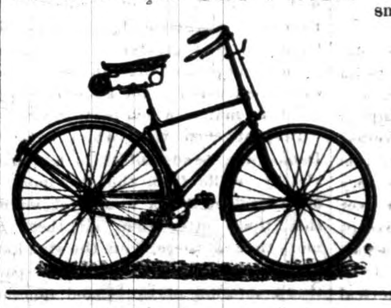

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